

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

**178 Albion Street, Suite 330
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880**

(Teleconference)

June 2, 2022

10:31 a.m.

Public Session I

Members Participating Remotely:

Julian N. Robinson, M.D., Physician Member, Vice Chair
Woody Giessmann LADC-I, CADC, CIP, AIS, Public Member
Deborah Levine, M.D., Physician Member
Holly Oh, M.D., Physician Member
Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member
Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member
Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member

Staff Present and Participating:

George Zachos, Executive Director
Vita P. Berg, General Counsel
Steven Hoffman, Division of Law and Policy Manager
Michael Sinacola, Licensing Director
Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel

Minutes taken by: Donald LaPointe, Paralegal, Division of Law and Policy

Marsha Johnson, Stenographer, present to record the Board meeting.

Dr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll to confirm that there was a quorum of the Board.

Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh- Aye

Dr. Nour-Aye

Dr. Bush - Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Robinson informed those individuals in attendance that the Board meeting was being conducted via teleconference. Additionally, the Board meeting was being recorded by a stenographer.

Licensing:

Dr. Robinson informed the Board that it would defer its consideration of the Licensing applications until the Board convened in Public Session II.

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, informed the Board that its consideration of Licensing applications would be scheduled for Public Session II in future Board agendas.

Initial License Application Process Modification:

Presented by George Zachos, Executive Director, and Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing.

Mr. Zachos informed the Board that they would be provided with the updated licensing applications at the Board's June 30, 2022 meeting.

The proposed revisions to the Licensing applications were designed to improve the efficiency and eliminate redundancies when processing such applications and improve service to the physician community.

Mr. Zachos highlighted two areas (Claims History Reports and State License Verification Forms) that were revised because of the delays in processing that occurred while Board staff waited to receive the aforementioned documentation in order to process a physician's license application.

Mr. Zachos stated that physicians would only need to submit a Claims History Report if a claim or action had been filed against a physician that resulted in malpractice settlement, judgment or arbitration award.

Regarding State License Verification Forms, Mr. Zachos informed the Board that going forward the Board Licensing staff would refer to the Federation of State Medical Board Physician Data Center reports and check the disciplinary history available from the state licensing board website for each state where the physician is licensed to determine whether a physician has been disciplined in another state. This process will replace the current practice that requires each physician applicant to submit a license verification form from each state in which they hold a full license, creating delays in the processing of that physician licensing application.

Dr. Booker moved to approve the recommendations proposed by Mr. Zachos in order to improve efficiency in processing physician licensing applications.

Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour – Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye
Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

Minutes:

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Board meetings.

Dr. Oh moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Board meeting.
Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Levine – Aye
Dr. Oh – Aye
Dr. Nour - Aye
Dr. Bush - Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair abstained.
Motion carried 6-0-1.

Dr. Robinson stated that the Board would meet as authorized pursuant to M.G.L.c.30A § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of individuals relevant to those individuals' petition for modification of their consent order. The Board would also be reviewing Executive Session Minutes.

Following Executive Session, the Board will meet in closed Adjudicatory Session, and then in a closed session pursuant to Mass. General Law, chapter 112, section 65C. The Board will reconvene in Public Session following the conclusion of the 65C Session.

Dr. Robinson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Oh moved to go into Executive Session.
Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Robinson stated that the Board would go into Executive Session.

Public Session I ended at 10:42 a.m.

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178 Albion Street, Suite 330
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June 2, 2022
12:51 p.m.
Public Session II

Members Participating Remotely:

Julian N. Robinson, M.D., Physician Member, Vice Chair
Woody Giessmann LADC-I, CADC, CIP, AIS, Public Member
Deborah Levine, M.D., Physician Member
Holly Oh, M.D., Physician Member
Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member
Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member
Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member

Staff Present and Participating:

George Zachos, Executive Director
Vita P. Berg, General Counsel
Steven Hoffman, Division of Law and Policy Manager
Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing
Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel

Minutes taken by: Donald LaPointe, Paralegal, Division of Law and Policy

Marsha Johnson, Stenographer, present to record the Board meeting.

Licensing:

Dr. Robinson is recused from license applications from Newton Wellesley Hospital, Mr. Giessmann is recused from applications involving Right Turn, Dr. Levine is recused from Beth Israel Lahey Health, Dr. Nour is recused from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana Farber, Dr. Oh is recused from applications involving The Dimock Center and Cityblock Health, and Dr. Bush is recused from applications involving Baystate Medical Center Springfield. Michael Sinacola, Licensing Director, presented the licensing data as of June 2, 2022.

Licensing Applications:

Dr. Robinson asked for a motion to approve the following applications for licensure:

- Applications for Full Licensure (Ade - Zeman)
- Applications for Limited Licensure (Albert - Zec)
- Applications for Full Licensure with Waiver Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Alwreikat – Schaefer)
- Application for Full Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Bayrakdar – Mallipudi)

- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved the Executive Director on May 26, 2022 (Hajjaj – Wu)
- Application for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on April 6, 2022 (Cook)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on April 22, 2022 (Bui Nguyen – Xu)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 6, 2022 (Ademola – Zeng)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 13, 2022 (Abdalla – Zhang)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 20, 2022 (Agarwal – Zhao)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 27, 2022 (Gomez – Wu)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Bui – Rainer)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Renewals Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Hurley – Meyer)
- Application for Lapsed Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Chen)
- Applications for Changes to Existing Limited Licensure Reviewed by the Board (Audette – Ragone)

Dr. Oh moved to approve the above-listed applications for licensure.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Levine - Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Bush - Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

Clinical Medicine Intensive for International Medical Graduates

This matter was considered by the Board under the Open Meeting Law provision of “Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Board meeting.”

Mr. Sinacola informed the Board that the BORIM staff received its first request for approval of a temporary license to participate in the the Continuing Medical Education (CME) titled “Clinical Medicine Intensive for International Medical Graduates.” This CME course was approved by the Board at its February 17, 2022 Board meeting.

Mr. Sinacola explained that the physician, Dr. Theresa Thomas, who submitted this request had a start date of June 1, 2022 and that is the reason for the Board considering this request at its June 2, 2022 Board meeting. Additionally, Mr. Sinacola advised that the BORIM staff has not

received Dr. Thomas' NPI number. However, since the temporary license is intended for training purposes only and the physician would not be involved in billing for services provided, the Board could vote to approve this request without an NPI number should it be so inclined.

Dr. Robinson moved to approve the Dr. Theresa Thomas' Request for Approval of a temporary license to participate in "Clinical Medicine for International Medical Graduates."

Dr. Oh seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Levine - Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Bush - Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

Motions and Votes

In the **Sterling** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to deny the Petition for Modification of Sanction.

Dr. Nour seconded the matter.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Levine - Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Bush - Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

In the **Diggins** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Final Decision and Order, admonishing Dr. Diggins and imposing practice restrictions and practice monitoring as outlined therein.

Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Levine - Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Bush - Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

In the **Dreiker** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Statement of Allegations, approve the Consent Order, allow the Petition to Stay Suspension, approve the Probation Agreement and allow the Petition to Approve the Continuing Medical Education Course.
Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:
Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Levine - Aye
Dr. Oh – Aye
Dr. Nour - Aye
Dr. Bush - Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

Status Report on Preliminary Denials and Status Report on Appeals:

Ms. Berg informed the Board that included in the Board Package for their consideration were memoranda providing updates on the Status Report on Preliminary Denials and the Status Report on Appeals.

Ms. Berg stated that if the Board wished to discuss these materials that these Reports could be scheduled for a future Board meeting.

Board Member Availability

The Board discussed their anticipated availability to attend the June 16, 2022, June 30, 2022 and July 14, 2022 Board Meetings.

Dr. Robinson indicated that he did not anticipate attending the June 16, 2022 Board meeting.

No other Board member indicated a scheduling conflict that would prevent them from attending the June 16, 2022 Board meeting.

Dr. Levine reminded the Board that she would no longer be a Board member when the June 30, 2022 Board meeting was held.

Drs. Bush and Nour indicated that they did not anticipate attending the July 14, 2022 Board meeting.

No other scheduling conflicts were indicated by the Board members.

Dr. Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting.

Dr. Oh moved to adjourn the Board meeting.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Levine - Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Bush - Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 7-0 (unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Public Session Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Board meeting
- Motions and Votes
- Licensing Applications List
- Memorandum RE: Recommendations for Initial License Application Process Modification
- Status Report on Preliminary Denials
- Status Report on Appeals Cases
- Dr. Theresa Thomas' Request for Approval of temporary licensure for the purpose of participating in the Continuing Medical Education (CME) course titled "Clinical Medicine Intensive for International Medical Graduates."